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## NEW ABSTRACT

A method and a DVR video recorder for recording real time video signals on a DVR disc, include detecting large spot disc defects. The integrity of predetermined test tracks is assessed on the basis of a tracking signal. When a defective test track is found, the proximity of the test track is examined further. If the number of affected tracks appears to be small, recording in these tracks is allowed. If the number of affected tracks appears to be large, these tracks are entered in a defect list, which may be recorded on the disc. During recording, the tracks appearing in the defect list are skipped.